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CATEGORICALLY EXCLUDED ACTIONS

Part A - Departmental Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 2, Appendix 1).

"Chapter 2 - Appendix 1, Departmental Categorical Exclusions
The following actions are categorical exclusions (CX) pursuant to
516 DM 2.3A(2). However, environmental documents will be prepared for
individual actions within these CX if the exceptions listed in 516 DM 2,
Appendix 2, apply.

1.1 Personnel actions and investigations and personnel services
contracts.

1.2 Internal organizational changes and facility and office reductions
and closings.

1.3 Routine financial transactions including such things as salaries and
expenses, procurement contracts, guarantees, financial assistance, income
transfers, audits, fees, bonds and royalties.

1.4 Law enforcement and legal transactions, including such things as
arrests, investigations, patents, claims, legal opinions, and judicial
activities including their initiation, processing, settlement, appeal or
compliance.

1.5 Regulatory and enforcement actions, including inspections,
assessments, administrative hearings and decisions; when the regulations
themselves or the instruments of regulations (leases, permits, licenses,
etc.) have previously been covered by the NEPA process or are exempt from
it.

1.6 Non-destructive data collection, inventory (including field, aerial
and satellite surveying and mapping), study, research and monitoring
activities.

1.7 Routine and continuing government business, including such things as
supervision, administration, operations, maintenance and replacement
activities having limited context and intensity; e.g., limited size and
magnitude or short-term effects.

1.8 Management, formulation, allocation, transfer and reprogramming of
the Department's budget at all levels. (This does not exclude the
preparation of environmental documents for proposals included in the
budget when otherwise required.)

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1.9 Legislative proposals of an administrative or technical nature, including such things as changes in authorizations for appropriations, and minor boundary changes and land transactions; or having primarily economic, social, individual or institutional effects; and comments and reports on referrals of legislative proposals.

1.10 Policies, directives, regulations and guidelines of an administrative, financial, legal, technical or procedural nature; or the environmental effects of which are too broad, speculative or conjectural to lend themselves to meaningful analysis and will be subject later to the NEPA process, either collectively or case-by-case.

1.11 Activities which are educational, informational, advisory or consultative to other agencies, public and private entities, visitors, individuals or the general public."

Part B - BLM Categorical Exclusions (516 DM 6, Appendix 5).

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